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Community notes

Columbia Pro Cantare Season Opener

Columbia Pro Cantare opens its 2014-2015 season with a performance Gioachino Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* on Saturday, October 25 at the Jim Rouse Theatre. *Petite Messe Solenelle* is one of Rossini's last works; he called it "the last" of his "sins of old age". It is considered a refined and elegant work.

A free pre-concert lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$23/adult, \$20/senior or student and may be purchased online.

Richard II at Chesapeake Shakespeare Company

Chesapeake Shakespeare Company presents *Richard II* beginning Friday, October 24. An eloquent play, Richard places a great deal of emphasis on his divine right to rule. Shakespeare presents his characters with an elegant use of metaphors, similes, lengthy verses and soliloquies; it sets the context for Richard's successors and the War of the Roses. Tickets are available on <u>CSC's website</u>. The play runs through November 9, 2014.

Memphis The Musical at Toby's

Toby's Dinner Theatre presents *Memphis The Musical* now through November 9. This Tony Award winning play is based on the work of Dewey Phillips, one of the first white DJs to play R&B music in the 1950's. Enjoy the soulful sounds of Rock and Rolls early days when you attend a performance. Tickets are available at Toby's <u>website</u> or at Ticketmaster.

Greeting

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Early voting starts today. We, as citizens, have a powerful right—our vote. Securing this vote took the efforts and sacrifices of many. Let's all honor those who have come before us by exercising this fundamental right. Make your choices and go vote!

It's Your Vote That Counts

Early voting takes place October 23 - October 30. The polls are open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The sites are The Bain Center, Miller Branch of the Howard County Library System and Ridgely's Run Community Center.

On General Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, visit your polling location to cast your vote.

Have questions? Contact the Howard County Board of Election at 410-313-5820 or visit their website.

If you need information about the candidates seeking office, the League of Women Voters of Howard County has published its Voters Guide for this election cycle. Click here to view online.



Exhibitors and Vendors Needed for Teen Opportunities Fair

Please join Howard County's Youth Development Coalition (YDC)



on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the annual Teen Opportunities Fair at Long Reach High School. This FREE event connects students ages 10-17 with leadership, recreation and volunteer opportunities. If your organization has programs, products or services that appeal to teens, this is the place for you!

Please contact Holly Harden, Chair of the YDC, at hharden@howardcountymd.gov

for more information about becoming an exhibitor.

ART MARYLAND 2014

Art Maryland 2014, a biennial, juried multi-media exhibit, opens October 31 at the Howard County Center for the Arts. The exhibit features work selected from nearly 600 entries submitted by 214 artists working in a wide variety of styles and mediums.

Juror Julia Marciari-Alexander, Executive Director of The Walters Art Museum, selected a mixture of abstract and representational paintings, photography, film, sculpture, and prints from artists: James Adkins, Sarah E. Bentley, Bruce Blum,



Lori Anne Boocks, Julia Bowden, Melissa Burley, Warren C. Chambers, Travis Childers, Winnie Coggins, Kristine Deninno, Chidinma Dureke, Melinda Fabian, Annie Farrar, Alexandra Ford, Lorenzo Gattorna, Helen Glazer, Ilene Gold, Edwin

Gould, Douglas Hanewinckel, Matthew Hanson, Steven L. Hargrove, Sarah Higgins, Sydney Hopkins, Daniel Humphries-Russ, Janet Ibrahim, Don James, Sung Hoon Kim, Roberta Kine Laric, Freda Lee-McCann, Diana Marta, Shelley Meredith, Dominie Nash, Zahra Nazari, Gail Nickells, Mary D. Ott, Sarah Hood Salomon, Robert Sibbison, George L. Smyth, Nelson Steele, Barbara Talbott, Alicia Ashley Weathersby, Stanley Wenocur, and Ann Marie Williams.

Art Maryland 2014 will be on display from October 31 - December 12. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. A reception will be held on Friday, November 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Center for the Arts. The reception will feature remarks by Ms. Marciari-Alexander and an awards presentation.

Oyster Shell Recycling Program Now at Two Locations in the County

The Howard County Department of Public Works has joined forces with the Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) and Maryland Environmental Services and is now offering oyster shell recycling at the Alpha Ridge Landfill for Howard County residents. Located at 2350 Marriottsville Road, the landfill joins the County's Robinson Nature Center in this innovative recycling effort geared towards rejuvenating oyster populations in the Chesapeake Bay with the help of County residents.

County residents now have the ability to drop off old oyster shells Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The two oyster

shell bins with ORP recycling signs on them are located at the far end of the convenience center next to the food scraps collection container.



The bin at Robinson Nature Center is located at the far end of the parking

lot and is marked with ORP recycling signs. The bin is accessible during the Center's regular operating hours, Wednesday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

When the bins are full, ORP staff will collect the oyster shells and transport them to Horn Point Laboratory Oyster Hatchery in Cambridge where they will be treated and reseeded with oyster larvae. The seeded shells are then planted by ORP in select areas in the Bay. To learn more about the ORP and the Horn Point Laboratory Oyster Hatchery, visit http://www.oysterrecovery.org or http://hatchery.hpl.umces.edu.

Halloween Magic at Hickory Ridge Village Center

Kimco Realty, the owner of the Hickory Ridge Village Center, wants to "treat" the kids to a pre-Halloween event



on Wednesday, October 29 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the village center (Cedar Lane and Freetown Road). Enjoy a magic show by Mr. Dave of D's Magic from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., followed by trick-or-treating at the village center shops.

Wear your costume and bring your treat bag; there will be magic "tricks" and tasty "treats" for everyone. All children must be accompanied by an

adult. No registration required, just come to the courtyard in front of Giant Food and join the fun!

News and Happenings...

A New Parenting Class

Howard County's Office of Children's Services offers a new parenting class, *Fusses and Fits.* It will be held on Monday, October 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at 3300 North Ridge Road, #240 in Ellicott City. Learn how to reduce stress by addressing a child's emotional state before addressing behavior. Build your knowledge of child development principles which have a dramatic impact on the discipline process. Learn and practice the 3-step process which links emotions, thoughts and actions. Cost: \$8; see registration information below. For more information or to register, please email children@howardcountymd.gov/children.

Wilde Lake Water Main Study and Rehabilitation Project

Here is the latest report from DPW on the project: "Things are settling down in Wilde Lake Village related to the Wilde Lake Water Main Study and Rehabilitation Project. Field work is wrapping up and residents should not expect to see any field crews or traffic concerns in the coming weeks. That doesn't mean the project is fully complete. Data collected from the #conditionassessments is being analyzed and we're determining what's next. When additional work begins, this page will be continue to be updated. Please stay tuned. #WildeLake #HoCOMD"

Click <u>here</u> to visit Howard County's Department of Public Works has a Facebook page dedicated to the Wilde Lake Water Main Study.

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Howard County is a great place to live, work and play. Our neighbors, friends or co-workers whom are need of a home, food, energy assistance or transportation do not share that they are experiencing a crisis in their lives. Please visit the websites of the organizations below if you wish to help. Thanks!

Community Action Council of Howard County
Grassroots Crisis Intervention
Bridges to Housing Stability
Vehicles for Change

Classes and More at Howard County Parks

Howard County Recreation & Parks issues an annual schedule of events taking place at County parks. Would you like to know what's happening in the next couple of months? If so, click here to view the schedule.

Weed Removal Project

Volunteers are needed for a non-native, invasive plant removal and planting native species project on Sunday, October 26, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. (Meet outside the Columbia Gym.) This event is hosted by the River Hill Watershed Committee and Weed Warriors.

Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Please bring heavy duty gardening gloves and water; pruning shears and shovels are also needed. Participants should wear long pants and long sleeves to avoid ticks and Poison Ivy. They will be working on a patch of weeds by the storm water pond behind the Columbia Gym and will be removing invasive plants such as English Ivy, Honeysuckle, Mile-a-minute and Autumn Olive.

RSVP to events@villageofriverhill.org or sign up on Facebook.

Improving Cycling in Howard County

The public is invited to the annual HC Bicycling Advocacy Forum on Wednesday, October 29, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Building 1, Parsons Auditorium (11000 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723). Chris Eatough, HC Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, will be the guest speaker and will review issues relating to improving bicycling safety and accessibility in our community.

Event organizers would love to know if you are coming. Preregister at http://5thbahcbikeforum.eventbrite.com.

Youth Essay Contest

Nominations are being sought for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission's Living the Dream Essay Contest. Visit the Commission's webpage for more information and to submit an essay. Submissions are due by November 14.

Deer Management Program

Howard County Recreation and Parks Department reminds residents that its 2014-2015 managed deer hunts are underway at County parks. Click here to view the schedule.



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